

MINUTES OF MEETING ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS,
55TH ASSEMBLY SESSION, MARCH 17, 1969

Present: Smith, Dini, Branch, Getto, Hilbrecht, B. Hafen,
Lingenfelter, Mello

Absent: Wood.

Chairman Smith opened the meeting by introducing Mr. Ray Knisley to the committee.

Mr. Knisley said that he had been keeping a progress report on California's negotiations with regard to the California-Nevada Water Compact and that one of the California legislators had asked that the compact have the following addition to Article VI:

"E. Nothing in this Article VI shall rescind or abridge the responsibility of the United States of America to act as the trustee on behalf of the Northern Paiute tribe of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation nor limit anyone in either state through statutory or legal procedures from establishing their existing rights or acquiring additional rights to the use of water within the allocation to the respective states."

Mr. Knisley said it is a simple amendment to the existing law in Nevada and that the timing is important to prepare the bill. Assemblyman Hilbrecht suggested that a resolution be adopted encompassing this rather than by drafting a bill.

Hilbrecht moved that the committee adopt a resolution and await the California action.

Getto seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Chairman Smith then noted the attendance of some of the Washoe County Commissioners and asked if they had any comments on AB 597, 598 or 599. Mr. Marvin Humphrey spoke in favor of AB 599 which amends various provisions relating to powers of county commissioners. He did not address himself to AB 597 or AB 598. It was developed that the latter two bills had been presented by the Washoe-Storey Delegation and not at the request of the commissioners.

AB 171 and 172 were commented upon as being companion bills that would allow an optional levy of an additional cent from the City Motor Vehicle Tax Law and authorize certain railroad crossing or rights-of-way improvements. Councilman Claude Hunter from Reno said that the city had not requested these bills. The need for an additional cent levy was recognized as a future desirability but not an imminent need. City Engineer Bud Holcomb said that the levy is restricted only for maintenance work which is not the greatest need at the present time.

AB 600 which relieves the county recorder of duties relating to marriage certificates was offered for comment by County Recorder Questa of Reno and his companion Mr. John Sullivan, Chief of Vital Statistics in the Public Health Department at Reno.

Mr. Questa deferred to Mr. Sullivan who outlined the present difficulties that arise from the time factors involved in transmitting marriage certificates back and forth from the County Recorder to the Vital Statistics office and the delay that is entailed thereby in the workload. Mr. Questa said they are seeking relief from the mailing requirements and a speeding up of the processing of the marriage certificates. There is a need for a centralized handling of marriage records.

It was developed that if the County Recorder were eliminated from the processing that it would help the procedure.

Mr. Questa and Mr. Sullivan were thanked for their presentations and excused from the meeting.

Hilbrecht moved AB 171 be indefinitely postponed.
Mello seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Getto moved AB 172 be indefinitely postponed.
Mello seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Hilbrecht moved that AB 600 be amended to shorten from 30 to 10 days the period involved and that AB 600 be given a Do Pass as amended.
Lingenfelter seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Hilbrecht moved AB 597 be indefinitely postponed.
Mello seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Hilbrecht moved AB 598 be indefinitely postponed.
Motion seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

Assemblyman Lingenfelter said he would research AB 599 for the committee with regard to amendment and further consideration.

The committee discussed AB 685 which permits microfilm system of filing for documents relating to secured transactions.

Hilbrecht moved Do Pass AB 685.
Motion seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

AB 334 requiring state agencies to write shorter reports was discussed.

B. Hafen moved Do Pass AB 334.
Branch seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

AB 447 which empowers political subdivisions to purchase insurance to guarantee salaries to disabled employees was discussed.

Mello moved Do Pass AB 447.
Branch seconded.
Motion unanimously passed.

It was agreed to hold AB 400 and 594 for later consideration.

AB 566 which increases compensation of White Pine County officers was discussed.

Getto moved Do Pass AB 566,

Mello seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

SB 149 which authorizes studies for development of water resource plan as presented to the committee earlier by Mr. Pat Head was brought to the committee for consideration of an amendment prepared by Assemblyman Getto. Mr. Getto said he had conferred with State Engineer Roland Westergard on the amendment which authorizes the State Engineer to conduct the studies and inventories necessary and to review the water resource picture for the entire state.

Dini moved to amend SB 149 and Do pass as amended.

Branch seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

AB 326 was discussed by Assemblyman Branch as it affects the justice of peace of North Las Vegas in that he would have to be a qualified elector in the county of the township.

Dini moved Do Pass AB 326.

Branch seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned.